

HOUSE BILL 808

By Powell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 6, relative to corporal punishment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-4103, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

(a) A teacher, principal, or other personnel employed by, or other persons volunteering within, an LEA or public charter school are prohibited from using corporal punishment against any student.

(b) As used in this section, "corporal punishment" means a deliberate act that causes a student to feel physical pain, for the purpose of disciplining the student, including:

- (1) An act of physical force such as striking, spanking, or paddling inflicted on a student's body;
- (2) Requiring a student to assume a painful physical position; and
- (3) The use of chemical sprays, electroshock weapon, or stun guns on a student's body.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect June 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.